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SUBJECT: APODETI APPEALS TO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM FOR

INTERVENTION IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR; BUT GOI

ENVOY TO UN SAYS UN ROLE NOT NEEDED

1. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN GOI-BACKED PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN  
ON BEHALF OF MERGER OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA  
IS CALBE REPORTEDLY SENT BY OSARIO SOARES, LEADER OF  
PRO-MERGER APODETI PARTY, TO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM REQUESTING  
UN INTERVENTION IN TIMOR.

2. ACCORDING OFFICIAL ANTRARA REPORTS MARCH 6, 7,  
SOARES' MESSAGE REQUESTS UN PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF  
APODETI, WHICH SOARES CLAIMED WAS SUPPORTED BY 85 PER  
CENT OF POPULACE BEFORE "COLLABORATORS OF PORTUGUESE  
AUTHORITIES" BEGAN CAMPAIGN OF TERROR, INTIMIDATION AND  
ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST APODETI. SOARES ALSO DEMANDED  
THAT UN REQUIRE PORTUGAL TO MEET ITS PLEDGE TO HOLD  
REFERENDUM WHICH IT HAD EARLIER PROMISED, AND WHICH,  
ACCORDING TO SOARES, IS ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVE GENUINE  
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DECOLONIZATION.

3. ACCORDING MARCH 6 ANTARA REPORT, SOARES ALSO SAID APODETI HAS DECIDED TO REFUSE ALL COOPERATION WITH PORTUGUESE TIMOR AUTHORITIES IN PROTEST AGAINST 45-DAY SUSPENSION OF ITS ALLOTTED TIME ON TIMOR RADIO.

4. MARCH 6 ANTRA ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED WARNINGS FROM UNIDENTIFIED INDONESIAN SOURCES IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR THAT TIMORESE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS MIGHT JOIN HANDS WITH PRO-INDEPENDENCE FRETILIN, WHEN GOV. LIMOS PIRES IS IN LISBON NEXT WEEK, AND ATTEMPT TO SET UP JUNTA AND PROCLAIM INDEPENDENCE. SIMILAR WARNING THAT LEFTIST MILITARY TAKE-OVER MIGHT OCCUR WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS CARRIED IN WEEKEND EDITION OF GOI-BACKED NEW STANDARD.

5. COMMENT: SOARES APPEAL TO WALDHEIM IS FIRST REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE UN ROLE IN TIMOR BY PRO-INDONESIA FORCES THAT WE KNOW OF. WE DOUBT IT IS MORE THAN PROPAGANDA GIMMICK, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EVIDENCE THAT GOI FEARS THAT IT MIGHT CONFRONT OPPOSITION BY AFRICANS IN UN OVER TIMOR QUESTION AND EXTREME UNLIKELIHOOD APODETI WOULD WIN AN HONEST REFERENDUM. IN THIS CONNECTION, GOI AMBASSADOR TO UN CHAIDIR ANWAR SANI SEEMED TO CONFIRM GOI'S INTEREST IN AVOIDING UN CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE IN COMMENTS TO PROESS IN JAKARTA MARCH 5. SANI SAID HE SAW NO NEED FOR UN INVOLVEMRNT IN PROBLEM SINCE BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM WERE MORE SUITABLE, ESPCIALLY NOW THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.  
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